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A Brief Statement of Relevance

1. JP-A 7-230546 (August 29, 1995)

Disclosed is an apparatus for processing the contrast of images of works to be inspected and registering density histograms for the images. It is possible to extract the image of a work to be inspected stably even when the image has a complex density histogram.